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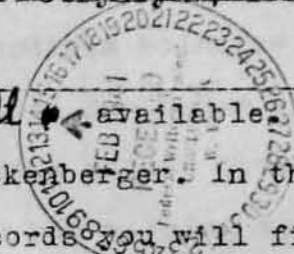
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records. This is the earliest class roll available. It was made in 1872 by Rev. Joseph Crickenberger. In the notes taken from the old Conference records you will find that he says that there are no records, and that the class was kept only on a sheet of paper. Conference records and everything dates from 1872. Perhaps the others had been destroyed for Greenbank was so near the Civil War fortifications. Perhaps few had been kept. Greenbank was on the Huntersville circuit from 1846 to 1852. No records when Greenbank circuit was organized.



NEW SALEM----GREEN BANK METHODIST

As has been previously stated, the people of this community first worshiped at Deer Creek Union Chapel at Arbovale. This church was used by both the Methodists and the Presbyterians. There was a misunderstanding and the Methodists withdrew and built the old log church at Greenbank called New Salem in 1839. The Presbyterians then decided they needed a better church and they built Liberty Church. The Methodists not wishing to be outdone also built a new church. This church was built in 1856 and was also dedicated New Salem but it is never called by that name.

The deed was given in July 1856 by James Wooddell and Jane Wooddell his wife, to Isaac Moore, Wm. J. Wooddell, John Conrad, Samuel G. Sutton, John Wooddell, Allen C. Burner, Adam Arbogast, George W. Siple and Oscar Butcher, trustees, in consideration of the sum of \$50. cash, a tract of land in Greenbank in Pocahontas county. That they shall erect thereon a place of worship for the M. E. Church in the U. S.A. On Nov. 29, 1856 the heirs of James Wooddell willed to the same trustees an additional strip of land beginning at the corner of Academy lot, to be used as an addition to the church lot.

This church was built across the road from the old log church.

It was at first used by all Methodists, but after the Civil War the M. E. South members bought out the M. E. members, and it became an M. E. South Church.

Class Roll for Green Bank M. E. Church, South

| Name----- | Date admitted |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| John G. Sutton ----- | 1832 |
| Eliza J. Sutton ----- | 1842 |
| Andrew J. Wooddell----- | 1849 |
| William Wooddell ----- | 1849 |
| John S. Wooddell----- | 1849 |
| Nancy A. Sheets ----- | 1847 |
| Samuel G. Sutton | |
| Margaret Sutton | |
| James Wooddell | |
| Jane Wooddell | |
| James Sutton ----- | 1867 |
| Wilda Sutton | |
| Davis E. Sutton ----- | 1870 |
| Marietta Sutton | |
| Jane Gillispie | |
| Wm. T. Sutton | |
| Martha Wooddell | |
| Francis Wooddell | |
| John A. Gillispie | |
| Lucinda Gillispie | |
| Sarah Gum | |
| Elizabeth Nottingham | |
| Mary Wooddell ----- | 1855 |
| Jacob Wooddell | |
| Nancy Wooddell | |

Henry Sheets ----- 1872
 Araminta Wooddell ----- 1872
 Jacob Kerr
 Phebe Kerr
 Jane Sheets
 James C. Arbogast
 Sallie Arbogast
 Wm. T. Arbogast
 Mary Arbogast
 Louisa Sheets
 Zenilda Nottingham
 Hannah Siple
 Nannie Wooddell ----- 1872
 James P. Wooddell
 Hulda Conrad
 John Patterson----- 1867
 E. M. Patterson
 Lewis Pugh
 Mary Hartman
 Martha Gillispie
 ANN Gum
 Mary Slaven
 Elizabeth Gillispie
 Eliza Hughes
 Brown M. Arbogast
 Francis Arbogast
 Rachel Kerr
 Wilson Pugh
 Marietta Pugh

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| Mannah McElwee | |
| W. H. Hull | |
| Rachel Hull | |
| Hiram Wooddell | |
| Squire L. Brown | |
| Mary Brown | |
| Annie Doyle | |
| George A. Burner | |
| B. F. Jackson | |
| Jennie Jackson | |
| Sarah Clark | |
| Annie Sheets | |
| Lucy H. Clark----- | 1873 |
| George W. Beverage----- | " |
| Charles G. Sutton----- | " |
| Alice Kerr ----- | " |
| Florella Brown ----- | " |
| Estaline Wooddell----- | " |
| Hester Brown ----- | " |
| Elizabeth Hamilton ----- | " |
| Caroline Warwick ----- | " |
| Maggie F. Moore ----- | " |
| Rebecca Conrad ----- | " |
| C. O. Arbogast ----- | " |
| Mary Etta Sutton----- | " |
| Jacob Gillispie ----- | " |
| James P. Wooddell ----- | " |
| Oscar Slaven ----- | " |

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|-----------------------|-------|------|
| Mary Ann Curry | ----- | 1873 |
| Annie P. Holland | ----- | 1873 |
| James Hamilton | ----- | " |
| Sarah Hamilton | ----- | " |
| Emma Curry | ----- | 1874 |
| George Curry | ----- | " |
| Laura Curry | ----- | " |
| Eldridge Sutton | ----- | " |
| Aretas P. Arbogast | ----- | " |
| James A. Sharp | ----- | " |
| Robert N. Gum | ----- | " |
| Rachel E. Sutton | ----- | " |
| Caroline Sutton | ----- | " |
| Crawford H. Carpenter | ----- | " |
| Sallie Carpenter | ----- | " |
| Richard Fitzgerald | ----- | " |
| Samuel McCalpin | ----- | " |
| Margaret McCalpin | ----- | " |
| Alice Gum | ----- | " |
| Sherman Sutton | ----- | " |
| Peter Warwick | ----- | " |
| Margaret Arbogast | ----- | " |
| Louisa Arbogast | ----- | " |
| Mollie Orndorff | ----- | " |
| Samuel J. Sutton | ----- | " |
| Martha Gillispie | ----- | " |
| Carrie Siple | ----- | " |
| Eliza Wooddell | ----- | " |
| Sarah Sheets | ----- | " |

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| Lucinda Alderman | ----- | 1875 |
| James Meeks | ----- | " |
| Augustus Tracy | ----- | " |
| Maggie Ervin | ----- | " |
| Elijah Painter | ----- | " |
| John Holland | ----- | " |
| Henry Yeager | ----- | " |
| Bertie Yeager | ----- | " |
| Mary Orndorff | ----- | " |
| Squire B. Gillispie | ----- | " |
| Robert Noel | ----- | " |
| Wilson Pugh | ----- | " |
| Charles Gillispie | ----- | " |
| Thomas O. Murry | ----- | " |
| Nellie Patterson | ----- | " |

Records show that Samuel G. Sutton, Sr. was the Class Leader in the Greenbank church for around 30 years, and that Wm. H. Hull was Supt. for many years. When Samuel Sutton passed away Martin Sutton took his place in the church and was class leader for many years.

At the present time (1940) Greenbank church has 123 members. The Stewards are Clarence A. Sheets, Ward McLaughlin, W. H. Sheets, and W. D. Slavens.

Trustees- C. A. Sheets, E. F. Arbogast, D. C. Taylor, and W. H. Sheets.

S. S. Supt. W. H. Sheets

Teachers- Mrs. W. H. Sheets, F. W. Hedrick, Rachel Wooddell,

Mrs. Mary McLaughlin, Mrs. Clyde Aively, and B. U. Taylor,
also Ruth Sutton is Sec. and Treasurer.

There is a Women's Society of missionary service combined
with that of Wesley Chapel with the ministers wife, Mrs.
Quade S. Artoget, as the President.